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emergency Act.

BY repealing and re-enacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings Section 7-201[[(a)]] Annotated Code of Maryland ([[1973]] 1974 Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 7-201[[(a)]] of Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings, of the Annotated Code of Maryland ([[1973]] 1974 Volume) be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

(a) [[Payment of fee required.]]

Except for an appeal from [an administrative agency or civil appeal from the district court,] THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COMMISSION, OR AN APPEAL, BY AN INDIVIDUAL CLAIMING BENEFITS, FROM A DECISION OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ADMINISTRATION, no case at law or in equity may be docketed and no writ of attachment, fieri facias, or execution on judgment may be issued unless the plaintiff or appellant pays a fee as set forth in §§ 7-202 and 7-203.

- [[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1974.]]
- (b)[A] THE CIRCUIT court shall pass an order waiving the payment IN ADVANCE if:
- (1) Upon petition for waiver, it is satisfied that the petitioner is unable by reason of his poverty to make the payment; and
- (2) The petitioner's attorney, if any, certifies that the suit, appeal, or writ is meritorious.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety and having been passed by a yea and nay